# NICHOLAS J. A. HARVEY

# University of British Columbia

**DATE:** July 2, 2020

**1. SURNAME:** Harvey FIRST NAME: Nicholas

MIDDLE NAMES: James Alexander

CITIZENSHIP: Canada and United Kingdom

2. DEPARTMENT/SCHOOL: Computer Science

3. FACULTY: Science

**4. PRESENT RANK:** Professor SINCE: July 1, 2020

5. POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

# (a) Degrees

University	Degree	Subject Area	Date
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Ph.D.	Computer Science	2008
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	M.Sc.	Computer Science	2005
University of Waterloo	B.Math.	Combinatorics & Optimization and Computer Science	2000

Title of Ph.D. Dissertation: Matchings, Matroids and Submodular Functions

Name of Supervisor: Michel X. Goemans (Dept. of Mathematics)

## 6. EMPLOYMENT RECORD:

# (a) Prior to coming to UBC

Employer	Position	Location	Dates
University of Waterloo, Dept. of Combinatorics & Optimization	Assistant Professor	Waterloo, ON	July 2009 - May 2011
Microsoft Research	Postdoctoral Researcher	Cambridge, MA	July 2008 - June 2009
Microsoft Research	Intern	Redmond, WA	May 2006 - August 2006
Microsoft Research	Software Design Engineer	Redmond, WA	May 2002 - August 2003
Microsoft Corporation	Software Design Engineer	Redmond, WA	March 2000 - Feb 2002
Digital Electronics Corp.	Undergraduate Intern	Osaka, Japan	June 1998 - April 1999
Paradigm Development Corp.	Undergraduate Intern	Vancouver, BC	January 1997 - April 1997
University of British Columbia, E-GEMS Research Group	Undergraduate Intern	Vancouver, BC	January 1996 - April 1996

### (b) At UBC

Rank or Title	Date
Professor	July 1, 2020 - present
Canada Research Chair in Algorithm Design (Tier 2, 5 year renewal)	April 1, 2017 - March 31, 2022
Associate Professor	July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2020
Canada Research Chair in Algorithm Design (Tier 2, 5 year appointment)	April 1, 2012 - March 31, 2017
Assistant Professor	June 1, 2011 - June 30, 2015

### 7. TEACHING

# (a) Areas of special interest and accomplishments

Computer science is a fast-paced field, and the course curricula need to be revised regularly to keep up with recent developments. My particular interests include algorithms, complexity, optimization, and connecting theory to applied areas such as machine learning.

# (b) Courses Taught at UBC

Session	Course Number	Title	Scheduled Hours	Class Size
2019WT2	CPSC 320	Intermediate Algorithm Design and Analysis	6/week	341 (two sections)
2018WT2	CPSC 536J	Linear Algebra Problems	3/week	6
2018WT1	CPSC 421/501	Introduction to Theory of Computing	3/week	84
2018WT1	CPSC 531H	Machine Learning Theory	3/week	19
2016WT2	CPSC 536N	Algorithms That Matter	3/week	22
2016WT1	CPSC 421/501	Introduction to Theory of Computing	3/week	88
2016S	CPSC 320	Intermediate Algorithm Analysis and Design	7.5/week	111
2015S	CPSC 320	Intermediate Algorithm Analysis and Design	7.5/week	105
2014WT2	CPSC 536N	Randomized Algorithms	3/week	19
2014S	CPSC 221	Basic Data Structures and Algorithms	7.5/week	120
2013WT2	CPSC 531H	Machine Learning Theory	3/week	15
2013WT1	CPSC 421/501	Introduction to Theory of Computing	3/week	44
2012WT2	CPSC 536N	Sparse Approximations	3/week	7
2012WT1	CPSC 421/501	Introduction to Theory of Computing	3/week	43
2011WT2	CPSC 536N	Randomized Algorithms	3/week	12

# (c) Graduate Students Supervised

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Student Name	Program Type	Start	Finish	Principal Supervisor	Co-supervisor
Victor Sanchez Portella	Ph.D.	2019		Nicholas Harvey	
Sikander Randhawa	Ph.D.	$2019^{1}$		Nicholas Harvey	
Yihan (Joey) Zhou	M.Sc.	2019		Nicholas Harvey	Mark Schmidt
Sikander Randhawa	M.Sc.	Jan. 2018	$2019^{1}$	Nicholas Harvey	
Alireza Zakeri Hosseinabadi	M.Sc. essay	2016	2016	Nicholas Harvey	
Chris Liaw	Ph.Dtrack M.Sc.	2015	$2020^{1}$	Nicholas Harvey	
Rebecca McKnight	M.Sc.	2013	2015	Nicholas Harvey	
Zachary Drudi	M.Sc.	2012	2014	Nicholas Harvey	
Samira Samadi	M.Sc.	2012	2014	Nicholas Harvey	
Wai Shing (Isaac) Fung <sup>2</sup>	Ph.D.	2009	2011	Nicholas Harvey	

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$ This is an expected date.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Isaac was my Ph.D. student at the University of Waterloo. He changed his principal supervisor to Jochen Könemann when I moved from Waterloo to UBC.

### (d) Continuing Education Activities

- **2015 Distinguished Speaker**<sup>1</sup>, Institut d'Études Scientifiques de Cargèse. A 4-hour tutorial on low-stretch trees, matrix concentration and graph sparsification.
- **2015 Summer School Speaker**, Summer School on Polyhedral Combinatorics. A 3-hour tutorial titled *Approximating Submodular Functions*.
- **Tutorial Speaker**, PIMS Summer School on Randomized Techniques for Combinatorial Algorithms. A 5-hour tutorial titled *Graph Sparsifiers and Random Matrices*.
- **2010 Tutorial Speaker**, University of Waterloo Combinatorics and Optimization Summer School. A 1.5-hour tutorial titled *Partitioning sets to decrease the diameter*.

# (f) Other Supervision

### Postdoctoral Fellows Supervised at UBC

Student Name	Start	Finish	Supervisor(s)
Abbas Mehrabian	June 2015	December 2016	Nicholas Harvey <sup>1</sup>

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  The first 8 months were co-supervised with Petra Berenbrink at SFU.

# Undergraduate Students Supervised at UBC

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Student Name	Program Type	Start	Finish		
Laura Greenstreet	Honours Thesis	2019	2020		
Emmanuel Sales	Honours Thesis	2019	2020		
Chris Liaw	Undergraduate Summer Research Assistant	2015	2015		
Keyulu Xu	Work Learn Undergraduate Research Award	2014	2014		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>This is an expected date.

#### Student Outcomes and Awards

Student Name	Outcome
Sikander Randhawa	Vanier Graduate Fellowship (2020-24)
Victor Sanches Portella	UBC CS 4-year Fellowship (2019-23)
Sikander Randhawa	NSERC CGSM (2019-21)
Chris Liaw	NSERC PGSD (2017-20)
Chris Liaw	UBC CS 4-year Fellowship (2016-20)
Chris Liaw	NSERC CGSM (2016-18)
Rebecca McKnight	Now a software engineer at Amazon in Vancouver.
Keyulu Xu	Work Learn Undergraduate Research Award. Now a PhD student at MIT.
Zachary Drudi	Now a software engineer at Google.
Samira Samadi	Now a PhD student at Georgia Tech.

### (g) Courses Taught prior to coming to UBC

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Also listed under Keynote Speeches at Conferences.

Session	Institution	Course Number	Title	Scheduled Hours	Class Size
Winter 2011	University of Waterloo	CO 750	Randomized Algorithms	3/week	8
Fall 2010	University of Waterloo	CO 355	Mathematical Optimization	3/week	24
Winter 2010	University of Waterloo	CO 351	Network Flow Theory	3/week	20
Fall 2009	University of Waterloo	CO 355	Mathematical Optimization	3/week	11

#### 8. SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### (a) Areas of special interest and accomplishments

My research spans a wide range of topics in algorithm design, from theoretical questions near the boundary of mathematics, to practical innovations that are used in commercial products.

**Combinatorial Optimization.** *Goal:* analyzing the computational complexity of foundational problems on graphs and other combinatorial objects. *Key contributions:* the fastest known algorithm for non-bipartite matching in dense non-bipartite graphs. *Impact:* 12 papers [C6, C15, C16, C18, C22, C23, C30, J9, J10, J13, J14, T7].

**Machine Learning Theory.** *Goal:* rigorous analysis and algorithm design for problems arising in machine learning. *Key contributions:* optimal sample complexity bounds for mixtures of Gaussians; optimal convergence for non-smooth gradient descent. *Impact:* 5 papers [C11, C14, O2, J4, C5, J3, C2, C1].

**Applications of Theory to Systems and Networking.** *Goal:* using modern algorithmic ideas to enable novel functionality in computer systems and networks. *Key contributions:* the first peer-to-peer system to incorporate locality into its structure; the only space-efficient method for estimating miss-ratio curves. *Impact:* 16 papers [C8, C9, C20, C21, C24, C25, C27, C29, C30, C31, C32, C33, J14, J15, J16, C8, T8, T9], 4 patents [P1, P3, P5, P6].

(b) Research or equivalent grants (indicate under COMP whether grants were obtained competitively (C) or non-competitively (NC))

Agency	Title	Comp	\$/Year	Year(s)	Pls
Canada Research Chair	Algorithm Design	С	\$10,000	2017-2022	Nicholas Harvey
NSERC Discovery	Algorithms: Sparsification and Applications	С	\$38,000	2016-2021	Nicholas Harvey
PIMS CRG	Algorithmic Theory of Networks <sup>1</sup>	С	\$40,000	2012-2015	Berenbrink, Ergun, King
NSERC Discovery	Combinatorial optimization and communication networks	С	\$29,000	2009-2015	Nicholas Harvey
Alfred P. Sloan Foundation <sup>2</sup>		С	\$25,000	2013-2015	Nicholas Harvey
UBC Startup		NC	\$80,000	2011	Nicholas Harvey

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This funding is for a collaborative research group that spans many universities. Nicholas Harvey is one of 8 co-organizers, to whom no funds are directly allocated.

#### (c) Invited Presentations

Invited tutorials are instead listed in Section 7(d), and keynote addresses in Section 8(d).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Also listed under Awards for Scholarship.

Intl Venue	Location	Event
2019		
CanaDAM	Vancouver, BC	Session on "Graph Polynomials"
University of Washington	Seattle, WA	Theory Colloquium
2017		
UBC	Vancouver, BC	Math Dept Colloquium
2016		
1QBit	Vancouver, BC	Symposium on Mathematical Programming and Quantum Optimization
2015		
UBC	Vancouver, BC	Probability Seminar
UBC	Vancouver, BC	Discrete Math Seminar
Microsoft Research	Redmond, WA	Theory Seminar
University of Washington	Seattle, WA	Theory Seminar
École Polytechnique Fédérale de	Lausanne,	Theory Seminar
Lausanne	Switzerland	
Intl. Symposium on Math. Programming	Pittsburgh, PA	Session on "The Lovász Local Lemma"
McGill Bellairs Research Institute	Barbados	Workshop on Combinatorial Optimization
Mathematical Sciences Research Institute	Berkeley, CA	Workshop on "Kadison-Singer, Interlacing Polynomials, and Beyond"
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AMS-MAA Joint Mathematics Meetings	San Antonio, TX	Session on "Concentration Inequalities for Random Matrices: Theory and Applications"
2014		
Microsoft Research	Redmond, WA	Theory Group Seminar
National Institute of Informatics	Shonan, Japan	Workshop on Algorithms for Large Scale Graphs
University of Chicago	Chicago, IL	CS Theory Seminar
2013		
Microsoft Research	Redmond, WA	Theory Group Seminar
McGill Bellairs Research Institute	Barbados	Workshop on Approximation Algorithms
University of Victoria	Victoria, BC	Pacific Northwest Theory Day
University of Warsaw	Warsaw, Poland	Algorithms Seminar
University of Alberta	Edmonton, AB	Functional Analysis Seminar
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IEEE FOCS Workshop	New Brunswick, NJ	Randomized Numerical Linear Algebra: Theory and Practice
Simon Fraser University	Burnaby, BC	Discrete Math Seminar
UBC	Vancouver, BC	Operations and Logistics Seminar
Intl. Symposium on Math. Programming	Berlin, Germany	Session on "Flows, Cuts and Sparsifiers"
2011		
UBC	Vancouver, BC	Scientific Comp. and Applied & Indust. Math. Seminar
University of Washington	Seattle, WA	Computer Science Theory Seminar
Georgia Institute of Technology	Atlanta, GA	Algorithms and Randomness Center Seminar
Carnegie Mellon University	Pittsburgh, PA	School of Computer Science Theory Seminar
University of British Columbia	Vancouver, BC	Theory Seminar

Google Research  Institute for Advanced Study  Princeton, NJ  Mathematics Seminar  Mathematics Seminar	
McGill Bellairs Research Institute Barbados Workshop on Approximation Algorithms	
University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI Computer Science Theory Seminar	
2010	
Inst. for Pure and Applied Math.  Los Angeles, CA  Modern Trends in Optimization and Its Applica	ation
University of Waterloo Waterloo, ON Tutte Seminar	
Research Inst. for Math. Sciences Kyoto, Japan Discrete Optimization Seminar	
SIAM Discrete Math Conference Austin, TX Minisymposium on Submodular Functions	
McGill Bellairs Research Institute Barbados Workshop on Approximation Algorithms	
University of Waterloo Waterloo, ON Computer Science Club	
2009	
University of Buffalo Buffalo, NY Eastern Great Lakes Theory Workshop	
Institute for Advanced Study Princeton, NJ Mathematics Seminar	
2008	
Research Inst. for Math. Sciences Kyoto, Japan Workshop on Combinatorial Optimization and	
Discrete Algorithms	
IEEE Information Theory Workshop Porto, Portugal Invited Session on Computer Science	
2007	
2007 Georgia Institute of Technology Atlanta, GA ACO Seminar	
Carnegie Mellon University Pittsburgh, PA Theory/Operations Research Seminar	
Tsinghua University  Beijing, China  China Theory Week  Brown University  Providence, RI  Computer Science Theory Seminar	
Brown University Providence, RI Computer Science Theory Seminar  Yale University New Haven, CT Cowles Foundation Workshop on Optimization	2
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2006	
Dartmouth University Hanover, NH Computer Science Theory Seminar	
Stanford University Palo Alto, CA Algorithms Seminar	
Lucent Bell Labs New Providence, NJ Math. and Algorithmic Sciences Research Ce	nter
Research Inst. for Math. Sciences Kyoto, Japan Discrete Optimization Seminar	
Princeton University Princeton, NJ Department of Computer Science	
Intl. Symposium on Math. Programming Rio de Janeiro, Brazil Graphs and Matroids Session	
Amazon.com Seattle, WA Algorithms Seminar	
University of Waterloo Waterloo, ON Combinatorics and Optimization Seminar	
IBM T.J. Watson Research Center Yorktown Heights, Algorithms and Theory Group	
NY	
2005	
Princeton University Princeton, NJ Workshop on Flexible Network Design	
Tokyo University Tokyo, Japan Department of Mathematical Engineering Sen	ninar
Kyoto University Kyoto, Japan School of Informatics	
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Allerton Conference	
Microsoft Decearsh	
Microsoft Research Seattle, WA Theory Group Seminar	
2003	
University of Washington Seattle, WA Computer Science Theory Seminar	
ICSI Center for Internet Research (ICIR) Berkeley, CA Networking Seminar	

(d) Conference Participation (Organizer, Keynote Speaker, etc.)

## Conference Organization

Year	Venue	Title
2017	Simons Institute	Bridging Continuous and Discrete Optimization

### Workshop Organization

Year	Venue	Title
2017	UBC Dept. of Computer Science	Theory at UBC Mini-Symposium
2016	Banff International Research Station	Algebraic and Spectral Graph Theory
2015	International Symposium on Mathematical Programming	Session on the Lovász Local Lemma
2015	Bellairs Research Institute	Discrepancy and Modern Rounding
2015	Banff International Research Station	Towards a Unified Treatment of Dynamic Graphs
2013	IEEE Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science	Zeros of Polynomials and their Applications to Theory

### Keynote Speeches at Conferences

Year	Title	Venue	Event
2015	Distinguished Speaker	Institut d'Études Scientifiques de Cargèse	Sixth Workshop on Combinatorial Optimization
2013	Plenary Speaker	Fields Institute	6th Workshop on Flexible Network Design

#### 9. SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

- (a) Memberships on scholarly societies, including offices held and dates
- (b) Memberships on other societies, including offices held and dates
- (c) Memberships on scholarly committees, including offices held and dates
- (d) Memberships on other committees, including offices held and dates
- (e) Editorships (list journal and dates)

Journal	Position	Years
SIAM Journal on Computing	Associate Editor	2017-2020
ACM Transactions on Algorithms	Associate Editor	2015-2021

(f) Reviewer (journal, agency, etc., including dates)

#### **Program Committees**

In top-tier conferences in theoretical computer science, the program committee members typically manage 40 papers, solicit reviews from subreviewers, moderate discussions, and recommend acceptance or rejection for each paper. Serving on the program committee for FOCS, SODA, etc., is a prestigious position, analogous to serving on a journal's editorial board.

Year	Conference Name
2017	ACM Symposium on the Theory of Computation (STOC)
2017	Canadian Discrete and Algorithmic Mathematics Conference (CanaDAM)
2016	ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA)
2015	International Workshop on Randomization and Computation (RANDOM)

2013	Theory and Applications of Models of Computation (TAMC)
2013	ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA)
2010	IEEE Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science (FOCS)

### Journal Reviews

ACM Transactions on Algorithms

American Mathematical Monthly

Combinatorics, Probability and Computing

Discrete Applied Mathematics

Discrete Mathematics

Foundations and Trends in Theoretical Computer Science

Geometric and Functional Analysis

IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking

**IEEE Communications Letters** 

IEEE Transactions on Information Theory

IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems

Information and Computation

International Mathmatics Research Notices

Journal of the ACM

Journal of Algorithms

Mathematics of Operations Research

SIAM Journal on Computing

SIAM Journal on Discrete Mathematics

SIAM Journal on Matrix Analysis and Applications

Telecommunication Systems

Theoretical Computer Science

Theory of Computation

### Conference Reviews

I have reviewed papers for various conferences, typically 1 or 2 papers per conference.

ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms

ACM SIGACT-SIGOPS Symposium on Principles of Distributed Computing

ACM Symposium on Parallelism in Algorithms and Architectures

ACM Symposium on Theoretical Computer Science

Conference on Integer Programming and Combinatorial Optimization

**Data Compression Conference** 

European Symposium on Algorithms

IEEE Conference on Computational Complexity

IEEE International Parallel & Distributed Processing Symposium

IEEE International Symposium on High Performance Distributed Computing

IEEE Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science

IEEE Symposium on Information Theory

Integer Programming and Combinatorial Optimization

International Conference on Automata, Languages and Programming

International Conference on Machine Learning

International Symposium on Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science

Latin American Theoretical Informatics Symposium

*Grant Reviews* I have reviewed grants for the Israel Science Foundation under the Individual Research Grant program.

(g) External examiner (indicate universities and dates)

University	Degree	Supervisor	Student	Date
Simon Fraser University	Ph.D.	Petra Berenbrink	Hoda Akbari	November 20, 2014

### **University Examiner (at UBC)**

Department Degree		Supervisor	Student	Date
Mathematics	Ph.D.	Michael Bennett	Adela Gherga	October 16, 2019
ECE	Ph.D.	Sathish Gopalakrishnan	Bader Alahmad	April 10, 2019
Mathematics	Ph.D.	Omer Angel	Tom Hutchcroft	July 16, 2017
Mathematics	Ph.D.	Brian Marcus	Raimundo Briceno Dominguez	July 22, 2016
Mathematics	Ph.D.	Akos Magyar	Tatchai Titichetrakun	April 14, 2016
Computer Science	Ph.D.	Joel Friedman	Alice Izsak	November 19, 2015
Computer Science	Ph.D.	Uri Ascher	Farbod Roosta-Khorasani	March 27, 2015
Mathematics	Ph.D.	Malabika Pramanik	Edward Kroc	March 20, 2015

### (h) Consultant (indicate organization and dates)

		Year		
Company	Role	Start	Finish	Description
Microsoft Research	Consulting researcher	2017	2017	Research in the theory and database groups.
Microsoft Research	Consulting researcher	2015	2015	Research in the theory group.
Coho Data, Inc.	Algorithm consultant	2013	2015	A Vancouver-based startup company developing high-performance enterprise storage.

### (i) Other service to the community

#### 10. AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

- (a) Awards for Teaching (indicate name of award, awarding organizations and date)
  - UBC Computer Science Department Teaching Award, 2019.
  - UBC Computer Science Department Teaching Award, 2014.
  - UBC Computer Science Department Teaching Award, 2012.
- (b) Awards for Scholarship (indicate name of award, awarding organizations and date)
  - NeurIPS Best Paper Award, 2018. Awarded to 4 out of 4854 submissions to the Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems.
  - Canada Research Chair (Tier 2) in Algorithm Design, renewed April 2017. This award brings \$500,000 to UBC over five years.
  - CS-Can/Info-Can Outstanding Young Computer Science Researcher prize, 2016.
  - Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship, 2013. Also listed under competitive research grants.
  - Canada Research Chair (Tier 2) in Algorithm Design, April 2012. This award brings \$500,000 to UBC over five years.

- Best Student Paper Award ("Machtey Award"), 2006. Awarded annually to the best paper authored by a student at IEEE Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science.
- USITS Best Paper Award, 2003. Awarded annually to the best paper at the USENIX Symposium on Internet Technologies and Systems.

# (d) Other Awards: Student Scholarships

- NSERC Post Graduate Scholarship PGS-D, 2005, For Tenure Abroad.
- NSERC Canada Graduate Scholarship, 2005. (Declined).
- NSERC Canada Graduate Scholarship, 2004. (Declined).
- MIT Presidential Graduate Fellowship, 2003-04.
- NSERC Post Graduate Scholarship PGS-M, 2000, For Tenure Abroad. (Declined).
- Combinatorics and Optimization Book Prize, University of Waterloo, 2000. Awarded annually to an outstanding student in the Combinatorics and Optimization department.
- René Descartes Entrance Scholarship, University of Waterloo, 1995.

#### THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Publication Record

**SURNAME:** Harvey

Date: July 2, 2020 FIRST NAME: Nicholas MIDDLE NAME: James Alexander

#### 1. REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- (a) Archival, Rigorously Refereed Conference Proceedings
  - [C1] **Huang Fang**, Nicholas J. A. Harvey, **Victor S. Portella**, and Michael P. Friedlander. Online mirror descent and dual averaging: keeping pace in the dynamic case. In *International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, July 2020.
  - [C2] Nicholas J. A. Harvey, **Christopher Liaw**, Yaniv Plan, and **Sikander Randhawa**. Tight analyses for non-smooth stochastic gradient descent. In Alina Beygelzimer and Daniel Hsu, editors, *Proceedings of the Thirty-Second Conference on Learning Theory (COLT)*, volume 99 of *Proceedings of Machine Learning Research*, pages 1579–1613, Phoenix, USA, June 2019. Acceptance rate 33% = 118/361. Conference version of [T1].
  - [C3] Hassan Ashtiani, Shai Ben-David, Nicholas Harvey, **Christopher Liaw**, Abbas Mehrabian, and Yaniv Plan. Nearly tight sample complexity bounds for learning mixtures of Gaussians via sample compression schemes. In S. Bengio, H. Wallach, H. Larochelle, K. Grauman, N. Cesa-Bianchi, and R. Garnett, editors, *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)* 31, pages 3412–3421. Curran Associates, Inc., December 2018. Accepted for **oral presentation**. This is a very prestigious outcome, awarded to 0.6% of submissions (30 out of approximately 4854). Conference version of [S2].
  - [C4] Nicholas J. A. Harvey, **Christopher Liaw**, and **Paul Liu**. Greedy and local ratio algorithms in the MapReduce model. In *ACM Symposium on Parallelism in Algorithms and Architectures (SPAA)*, pages 43–52, July 2018. Acceptance rate for regular papers 24% = 31/127.
  - [C5] Nicholas J. A. Harvey, Piyush Srivastava, and Jan Vondrák. Computing the independence polynomial: from the tree threshold down to the roots. In *ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms* (*SODA*), pages 1557–1576, January 2018. Acceptance rate 32% = 180/547. Conference version of [T3].
  - [C6] Nick Harvey, **Christopher Liaw**, and **Abbas Mehrabian**. Nearly-tight VC-dimension bounds for piecewise linear neural networks. In Satyen Kale and Ohad Shamir, editors, *Proceedings of the 2017 Conference on Learning Theory*, volume 65 of *Proceedings of Machine Learning Research*, pages 1064–1068, Amsterdam, Netherlands, 07–10 Jul 2017. Acceptance rate 32% = 74/228. Conference version of [J3].
  - [C7] Nicholas J. A. Harvey and **Keyulu Xu**. Generating random spanning trees via fast matrix multiplication. In *Proceedings of the Latin American Theoretical Informatics Symposium* (*LATIN*), April 2016. Acceptance rate 40% = 52/131.
  - [C8] Nicholas J. A. Harvey and Jan Vondrák. An algorithmic proof of the Lovász local lemma via resampling oracles. In *IEEE Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science (FOCS)*, October 2015. Acceptance rate 27% = 86/314. Conference version of [J1] and [T4].

- [C9] **Zachary Drudi**, Nicholas J. A. Harvey, Stephen Ingram, Andrew Warfield, and Jake Wires. Approximating miss ratio curves using streaming algorithms. In 17th International Workshop on Approximation Algorithms for Combinatorial Optimization Problems (AP-PROX), August 2015. Acceptance rate 42% = 26/61. Related to patent [P1].
- [C10] Jake Wires, Stephen Ingram, **Zachary Drudi**, Nicholas J. A. Harvey, and Andrew Warfield. Characterizing storage workloads with counter stacks. In *11th USENIX Symposium on Operating Systems Design and Implementation (OSDI)*, October 2014. Acceptance rate 18% = 42/228. Related to patent [P1] and article [O1].
- [C11] Nicholas J. A. Harvey, Roy Schwartz, and Mohit Singh. Discrepancy without partial coloring. In 17th International Workshop on Approximation Algorithms for Combinatorial Optimization Problems (APPROX), September 2014. Acceptance rate 48% = 31/64.
- [C12] Nicholas J. A. Harvey and **Samira Samadi**. Near-optimal herding. In *Conference on Learning Theory (COLT)*, June 2014. Acceptance rate 28% = 38/136.
- [C13] Nicholas J. A. Harvey and Neil Olver. Pipage rounding, pessimistic estimators, and matrix concentration. In *ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA)*, January 2014. Acceptance rate 28% = 136/485.
- [C14] **Wai Shing Fung**, Ramesh Hariharan, Nicholas J. A. Harvey, and Debmalya Panigrahi. A general framework for graph sparsification. In *ACM Symposium on Theory of Computing (STOC)*, June 2011. Acceptance rate 28% = 84/304. Conference version of [J2].
- [C15] Maria-Florina Balcan and Nicholas J. A. Harvey. Learning submodular functions. In *ACM Symposium on Theory of Computing (STOC)*, June 2011. Acceptance rate 28% = 84/304. Conference version of [J4].
- [C16] Michel X. Goemans, Nicholas J. A. Harvey, Satoru Iwata, and Vahab Mirrokni. Approximating submodular functions everywhere. In *ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms* (SODA), January 2009. Acceptance rate 29% = 135/458.
- [C17] Takehiro Ito, Erik D. Demaine, Nicholas J. A. Harvey, Christos H. Papadimitriou, Martha Sideri, Ryuhei Uehara, and Yushi Uno. On the complexity of reconfiguration problems. In *International Symposium on Algorithms and Computation (ISAAC)*, December 2008. Acceptance rate 34% = 78/229. Conference version of [J11].
- [C18] Nicholas J. A. Harvey, Jelani Nelson, and Krzysztof Onak. Sketching and streaming entropy via approximation theory. In *IEEE Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science* (FOCS), October 2008. Acceptance rate 29% = 79/276. Conference version of [O3].
- [C19] Nicholas J. A. Harvey. Matroid intersection, pointer chasing, and Young's seminormal representation of  $S_n$ . In ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA), January 2008. Acceptance rate 30% = 135/455.
- [C20] John Dunagan and Nicholas J. A. Harvey. Iteratively constructing preconditioners via the conjugate gradient method. In *ACM Symposium on Theory of Computing (STOC)*, June 2007. Acceptance rate 25% = 78/312.
- [C21] Nicholas J. A. Harvey, Robert D. Kleinberg, Chandra Nair, and Yunnan Wu. A "chicken & egg" network coding problem. In *IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory* (*ISIT*), June 2007. Acceptance rate 61% = 603/993.
- [C22] Nicholas J. A. Harvey, Mihai Pătraşcu, Yonggang Wen, Sergey Yekhanin, and Vincent W. S. Chan. Non-adaptive fault diagnosis for all-optical networks via combinatorial

- group testing on graphs. In *IEEE Conference on Computer Communications (INFOCOM)*, May 2007. Acceptance rate  $18\% \approx 250/1400$ .
- [C23] Nicholas J. A. Harvey. An algebraic algorithm for weighted linear matroid intersection. In ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA), January 2007. Acceptance rate 36% = 139/382.
- [C24] Nicholas J. A. Harvey. Algebraic structures and algorithms for matroid and matching problems. In *IEEE Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science (FOCS)*, October 2006. Acceptance rate 29% = 71/243. Conference version of [J13].
- [C25] Micah Adler, Erik D. Demaine, Nicholas J. A. Harvey, and Mihai Pătrașcu. Lower bounds for asymmetric communication channels and distributed source coding. In *ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA)*, January 2006. Acceptance rate 31% = 135/440.
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